



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2003-003

WHEREAS, today's United States Space Shuttle Columbia tragedy and the loss of seven astronauts is a tragedy felt by New Mexicans and people throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico lost its own daughter in this tragedy, Commander Laurel Clark, who was a Navy diving medical officer aboard submarines and who had family living in Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, the country of Israel also lost a native son, Colonel Ramon, the first Israeli to enter space and the son of a Holocaust survivor; and

WHEREAS, the thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to the families of each of the lost astronauts who demonstrated courage and dedication in the furtherance of space exploration;

NOW THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby order that all flags be flown at half-staff from Saturday, February 1, 2003, through sundown Wednesday, February 5, 2003, in mourning and in honor of those seven astronauts who lost their lives aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia.

ATTEST:

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2003

Handwritten signature of Rebecca Vigil-Giron in cursive script.

REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
SECRETARY OF STATE

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Handwritten signature of Bill Richardson in cursive script.

BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR

